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NSC UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE

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August 1, 1972

TO: The Deputy Secretary of Defense  
The Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs  
The Director of Central Intelligence  
The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
The Director, Office of Science and Technology  
The Under Secretary of Commerce

SUBJECT: International Aspects of Weather Modification

The President has assigned to the Under Secretaries Committee responsibility for the following activities in the field of weather modification:

- the continuing review of the international aspects of weather modification generally and of U.S. activities affecting other countries or outside U.S. territory;
- instituting and overseeing implementation of appropriate guidelines for such U.S. activities;
- reviewing any requests from other countries for assistance in weather modification activity; and
- reporting any policy issues for the President's decision.

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These responsibilities will be carried out on the basis of the policy established by NSDM 165, a copy of which is available to your agencies.

In so far as the policy established by NSDM 165 is applicable to activities conducted by your agency, you are requested to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that concerned elements within your agency, including

State Department review completed

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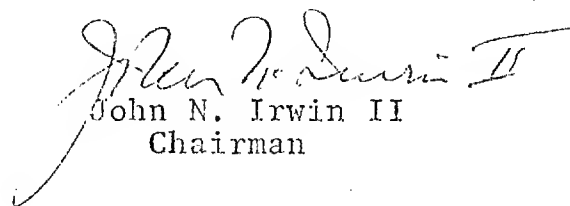
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field elements, are aware of the responsibilities of the USC which may affect their activities or their handling of requests from foreign countries. You are also requested to establish such internal procedures as may be necessary to ensure that U.S. programs and activities within the scope of NSDM 165 and requests from other countries are forwarded promptly to the USC for review. To ensure coordination abroad, the Department of State has transmitted the attached instruction to U.S. Embassies and Missions.

To assist the USC in implementing its responsibilities under NSDM 165, I have asked Mr. Herman Pollack, Director of the Bureau of International Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Department of State, to establish a working group on weather modification. This working group will include representatives of the addressees of this memorandum and, as the occasion demands, representatives of other U.S. agencies. When specific actions require the attention of the USC, the working group will prepare recommendations for consideration by the USC and, as appropriate, the White House. You are requested to inform Mr. Pollack of the name of your representative. To facilitate timely action, matters requiring action by the USC should be brought directly to Mr. Pollack's attention, and a copy of all pertinent correspondence should be provided to the Chairman of the USC.

  
John N. Irwin II  
Chairman

Attachment

cc: The Director, Arms Control & Disarmament Agency  
The Under Secretary of Interior  
The Under Secretary of Agriculture  
The Administrator, Agency for International Development  
The Director, National Science Foundation

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